(v) Scheme for distribution of subsidised foodgrains in ITDP areas.

The States/UTs were requested to make continuous efforts to strengthen the Public Distribution System to ensure an uninterrupted flow of essential commodities to the public.

The States/UTs also asked for higher allocation of Public Distribution System items from the Central Pool.

Legal provision regarding absence of landlord

1264. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the legal provisions relating to absence of a landlord from his property and what are its consequences on the ownership of the property in Delhi;

(b) by what laws such cases are governed; and

(c) whether Government contemplate any changes in the existing laws and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Shortage of foundry-grade pig iron in in country

1265. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for acute shortage of foundry-grade pig iron in the country;

(b) whether there is any plan to import pig iron to meet internal needs; and

(c) what was the total import last year?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) With a view to bridging the gap between demand for pig iron and supply, SAIL plants have increased the production of pig iron during the current year even though it is not financially attractive for SAIL. Besides thus increasing the domestic production, pig iron will be imported to augment the supply. In 1988-89, MMTC and SAIL imported about 1.9 lakh tonnes of pig iron.

1266. [*Transferred to the 3rd August, 1989*]

Basis for allocation of funds for Jawahar Rozgar Yojna

1267. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the basis for allocation of funds for Jawahar Rozgar Yojna; and

(b) whether highly educated but unemployed including rural unemployed people are likely to suffer most.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Resources under the Yojana are allocated to States/UTs. on the basis of percentage of poor people that live in the rural area of the State as compared to all the rural poor of the country. Resources allocated to the States are further distributed to the districts on the basis of percentage of agricultural labourers to the main workers, percentage of rural SCs/STs population to the total rural population and the inverse of agricultural productivity in the weights of 20:60:20 respectively. After setting apart funds for Indira Awaas Yojana, not less than 80 per cent of the district allocation are dis-

tributed to the panchayats on the basis of their population. While making calculations of actual share of each panchayat, panchayats having population of less than 1000 is taken as 1000 and more than 10,000 as 10,000.

(b) No, Sir. The programme aims to generate additional gainful employment for the unemployed and underemployed persons both men and women in the rural areas who are willing to work under the Yojana including educated persons irrespective of their educational qualification.

Observations on Jawahar Rozgar Yojna

1268. SHRI RAMANARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the observation of Vice-Chairman of the Kerala State Planning Board and an eminent economist, Shri Gulati on the negative side of the Jawahar Rozgar Yojna; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Government have seen the news-item published in the Indian Post of the 29th June, 1989, under the title "Jawahar Yojna harmful to Kerala: Economist", carrying the reported observations of Dr. Gulati, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Board of Kerala, regarding the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY).

Perusal if the news-item indicate that Dr. Gulati, neither agrees with the present criteria of allocations of funds under JRY nor does favour the release of funds to the districts directly. He is also reported to have said that the Planning Commission and the Central Government have wrong notions and understanding about level of poverty in Kerala.

(b) The Government do not with the reported negative vie Dr. Gulati on JRY.

Reassessment of Jawahar Ro Yojana

1269. SHRI P. K. KUNJA Will the Minister of AGRICU be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's has been drawn to the re which appeared in the Indian the 29th June, 1989 regarding gative side of the Jawahar Yojana;

(b) if so, whether any re of the Yojana has been m basis of points raised there

(c) if so, the details th

THE MINISTER OF S N THE DEPARTMENT OF E- VELOPMENT IN THE M OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI J AN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (c) The Gover not agree with the negative ons made in the news-item.

Setting up of Doordarsh s in the country

1270. SHRI MUKH NGH MALIK: Will the Minis FOR- MATION AND BROA G be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govern se to set up more Doordarsh as in the country;

(b) if so, number o arshan Kendras started durin t three years, year-wise;

(c) the total numbe darshan Kendras working a in the country;